



Foggy Bottom News

Published for and by the Citizens of Foggy Bottom

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, MARCH 29

The Intrigue Restaurant issue will be discussed.

Also, Mr. Joseph Peterpaul will discuss ideas for a Foggy Bottom Garden Project for the Bicentennial

8 PM
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW

A Foggy Bottom Feast



Could the hanging gardens of Babylon have provided a greater feast to the senses than is provided in Foggy Bottom?—From the curbside gardens to the dooryard gardens—in the courtyard gardens of the "25" and at St. Marys—up to the windowboxes everywhere,—on to the rooftops over garages—further up to townhouse rooftops—balcony gardens—higher and more windowboxes garlanding the curved facade of Watergate—and, finally pinacaling are the sunroof decks above the 25th St. Plaza, Columbia Plaza Watergate and the State Dept.—and clothing summer here with a mantle of color.

Our most benevolent climate with its moist Potomac air turns the smallest horticultural effort into a feast.

The "why" of the winter-quiet Mockingbird is answered by the spring return of the south-sojourning females and young. An ornithological friend explained that the male remains here to protect his territory; otherwise he might have nothing to sing about come spring. As it is, there will be much noisy fighting with young males before his territory is secured for the season and his up-flinging courting flight begins.

Fox von Boom

To Please The Eye Of The Passersby

Since the Capitol of the United States is an area surrounding Foggy Bottom, this distinctive village within a city, the summer of the Bicentennial would seem to be an ideal time to highlight Dooryard Gardens, those mini-plots so uniquely a part of Foggy Bottom.

Several Dooryard Gardens last summer illustrated how very attractively these small plots can be planted, with a resulting pleasure out of all proportion to their size.

For her meticulous gardening care special thanks go to Natalie Beaulieu (Natalie-of-the-Colorful-Hats) whose garden at 25th and Eye Streets gives year round pleasure. The "Weeping Cherry" at the corner starts the blooming season off dressed in colored Easter eggs, ushers in the blossom season ahead of the Festival usually, its graceful green wands swing and sway with the breezes all summer, and at Holiday time it celebrates with shiny Christmas balls and a bright red bow on the doorway of its mini bird house.

Another outstanding Dooryard Garden, especially considering it must be the ultimate in easy-care, is the white pebble Dooryard Garden of Tom Noel and Bob Hart at 916 25th St.

There were many other examples last summer of how very pleasing Dooryard Gardens can be in Foggy Bottom land. Wouldn't it be wonderful to please the eye of passersby with blossoms and blooms overflowing all the Watergate and Columbia Plaza balconies, and with colorful Dooryard Gardens telling the world this is a very special summer to remember.

In checking out some special gardens last summer it was found that most of them had been planned and/or planted by Joseph Peterpaul and this young man services gardens at a reasonable cost. IF enough



renters and homeowners indicate an interest in his services for their plots, he can spend the summer making Foggy Bottom beautiful. You can call Joseph at 232-3218.

For the most part residents in Foggy Bottom have full time jobs that do not permit the extra time necessary to maintain gardens, even mini-ones; but with Joseph's help every house could celebrate this Bicentennial summer with its own colorful garden. Those residents who have used his services confirm his dependability and the gardens verify his talent. He would provide planning, planting, and upkeep, one or more of these three choices, on an optional basis with the cost allocated proportionately. And if enough people participate there can also be a price advantage in the purchase of plants and shrubs.

If you would like to help make Foggy Bottom an outstanding showplace this Bicentennial summer, be sure to come to the March 29, Foggy Bottom Association Meeting at St. Paul's. The Plan will be discussed and laid out in detail at that time.

In the "Dooryard Gardens" article in this issue, Mr. Peterpaul has presented some thoughts he has for the gardens and he will be at the March meeting to discuss them with you. Read it and come to the meeting prepared to add your own ideas. Bring your neighbor along, too. Y'all come and if enough residents rally 'round the cause to make this a colorful summer of '76, there will be special awards at a very special event planned for August, early August.

Jane Planck

Farewell, Leslie

Foggy Bottom bids a reluctant goodbye to Leslie Wilder, who is moving this month from 25th Street to Fairlington Villages, Virginia, where she has purchased a townhouse. Leslie, who hails from New

England, has served as Secretary of the Foggy Bottom Association, member of the Executive Board, member of the Nominating Committee, and Editor of the Foggy Bottom News. She has also helped at Oktoberfests, Art

Shows, and whenever else help was needed. Best of Luck, Leslie, in your new house. We're sorry you're leaving Foggy Bottom, but we're glad that Fairlington is only a few minutes from your old neighborhood, where you'll always be welcome.

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LETTERS

The Editor, Foggy Bottom News,
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As a charter member of the Foggy Bottom Association and one who took an avid interest in the restoration of this historic area and lived there from 1954-62, and am now a property owner on New Hampshire Ave., I take a great interest in the developments there and wish to comment on the letters of Robert H. Charles, Jr., President of the FB Assn., and of Herbert C. Madison.

Mr. Madison has stated the facts accurately regarding the original application of the liquor license to the Channel House in 1962. More than 100 persons signed the petition that the liquor license not be granted and numerous persons spoke against it at the hearing—but it was bull-dozed through by a few commercially-interested persons without the slightest consideration of the protests of the property-owners and residents of Foggy Bottom that it not be granted. The plea of the Channel House applicants was that the license was mainly for the residents of the Channel House as an apartment-hotel property and not for commercial use. This was not the purpose and it never has been and the Channel House boldly advertised the restaurant in the prestigious Washingtonian Magazine.

The situation of congested traffic, lack of parking space and the general nuisances to residents on New Hampshire Avenue has grown worse from 1962-76 during the period the restaurant has operated. And the violations have grown worse. Even the advertisement in the February issue of the Foggy Bottom News clearly indicates the Intrigue is a restaurant seeking commercial business. Mr. Charles' letter is clearly an endorsement of

the Intrigue as a commercial concern and in his own words "will serve to alleviate some of the Bi-Centennial influx pressures." He states further that "our membership voted unanimously at our last meeting on January 26 to voice our continued support for the existence of the 'INTRIGUE'."

But in the editorial note it is stated: "While this issue came up at the last meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, no formal vote was recorded and, therefore, the views of those then present may not fully reflect the views of the Association."

In view of the past violations over fourteen years of this restaurant in Foggy Bottom, isn't it high time that the wolf need not hide under the sheep's skin—but if this area of Foggy Bottom is commercial, it should be so designated and we residents who have fought and clung to the idea that one might have a home here and live in peace and happiness, might as well recognize the writing on the wall and give up our homes and sell to the commercial concerns. Our rights have been violated over the years and the traffic and parking which has become more serious month by month could then be handled perhaps by commercial parking facilities. The plea for relief from the residents of the area seems to be getting nowhere despite constant efforts through the years. Further, it is not true that the area is not well supplied with commercial eating places—Watergate, the Kennedy Center, Howard Johnson's are in the immediate area and we are only a few blocks from Pennsylvania Avenue where the area is well served with restaurants. I am enough of a realist that I do not swallow Mr. Charles' remarks.

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Love Thy Neighbor?

Amidst the culture of the Kennedy Center; the glitter of Watergate; and residences of prestigious personages, I encountered a gangland-type attack from a group of professed intelligent citizens.

I arrived in Snow's Court after eight hours of a life-death situation. My only plan was to reach my home and attempt to unwind and relax.

Instead, I was met by a hostile group of supposedly well-bred and upstanding adults. The group had even borrowed a "spokesman" from down the block. This "pillar of the community" pounced as I alighted from my car.

Placing his Churchillian jowls inches from my face, he announced ravingly that I irritated him and if I didn't move my car, he would let the air out of my tires. All of his followers silently cheered him on.

Whatever the reason for the attack, it was the manner of approach that caused me to speculate at the sense of values some people live by. Perhaps it is little incidents like this that are the key to whatever has gone wrong with this whole world today.

While I looked from face to face to another, all with registered hatred, I realized that these people actually believe within themselves, that everyone *must* abide by whatever rules they have devised. There is to be no qualifications to these edicts, and they refuse to live in harmony with those persons they deem inferior.

Since most of my awake hours are devoted to the support of the ill and dying, or the placement of unwanted persons in some designated sanctuary, I am in fearful awe of that breed of people who would utilize precious time to await the arrival of a working girl, just so they could demonstrate the strength of 25th Street. What a pity!

Also a Taxpayer,
Claire C. Cifte, R.N.
Ed. Note: Perhaps, if they can spare the time, our "25th Street Vigilantes" might undertake the project proposed in the letter which follows...



The Editor
Foggy Bottom News
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Editor:

Among the myriad of problems and obstacles faced daily by all Foggy Bottom-ers, are two of particular seriousness and perplexity.

However, as they both could well be called "pedestrian" problems, so too, I believe, is the solution to both equally pedestrian.

With the approach of Spring, we may well expect the usual seasonal increase in the number of innocent residents savagely "wasted" on our sidewalks and crosswalks. One can, of course, be wasted instantly by merely stepping into one of our many well marked crosswalks; in addition, one can be wasted, in "essence" by stepping into our leading natural resource... animal waste... henceforth, to be referred to as "pet rot."

Despite past efforts to combat these situations, many truly inspired and well-designed, we continue to be plagued by polluting four-wheelers and polluting four-leggers. The time has come for all of us to meet these

problems head (and/or) foot on, and curb them once and for all.

I propose that all Foggy Bottomers:

A. when encountering a "pet rot" deftly release it from its mooring and place it in an appropriate bag or container to be carried at all times. (One may, of course, choose an assortment of such bags, if particularly fashion or odor conscious); and,

B. when approaching a crosswalk, retrieve one of more of your collected "pet rots" from your bag and bestow it, or them, soundly upon any vehicle which fails to acknowledge your right of way. These tokens may also be presented directly to the drivers of such vehicles if the windows on such are unwittingly left open... an even more rewarding procedure.

This proposal is submitted humbly in an effort to take these problems of pollution from our own city streets, and place them back in the lap of the suburban commuter, where they belong.

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Honest Effort (And Writers Cramp) Still Pays Off

There is no limit to what can be accomplished by one person with dedication, determination and a good cause. We have an example of that here in Foggy Bottom where Mary Healy has single-handedly raised \$6,000.00 to help purchase research equipment for the Sibley Hospital Eye Clinic.

The facility, which also serves referred patients from Georgetown, Veterans and Fairfax Hospitals, as well as D.C. Medicaid patients, is dedicated to diagnosis, treatment and research on degenerative retinal eye diseases. Mary's mother has been treated at the center, and when she learned of its need for sophisticated equipment, went to work to collect a self-imposed goal of \$6,000.00. (That figure is only a portion of what is needed, but she felt that was what she might be able to handle.)

She did it by sending over a four month period, almost 500 handwritten letters to friends and acquaintances all over the country. She also wrote over 100 follow-up letters, and received contributions from 279 persons. (That may be a record response to a direct mail effort!) She estimates she contacted people in twenty states, and received contributions from as far away as Italy.

She has reached her goal but has not let up, and hopes her neighbors might help the center obtain the remaining funds. It's time for income tax refunds, and several people have pledged portions of their refunds to the Eye Fund. If you feel you can help, send your tax-deductible donation to Mary Healy at 2475 Virginia Avenue. Make your check out to the Sibley Eye Fund.

Ellie Becker

Dooryard Gardens

By Joseph Peterpaul

With Spring upon us it is time to prepare for the growing season ahead. Basic yard work varies little from year to year with its raking, sowing, and pruning. However, making changes in the garden or landscape does require thought and planning. Also, choosing the right shrub or flower is most important.

For people with small workable areas there are a few basic rules to remember: size, placement, function, color and texture.

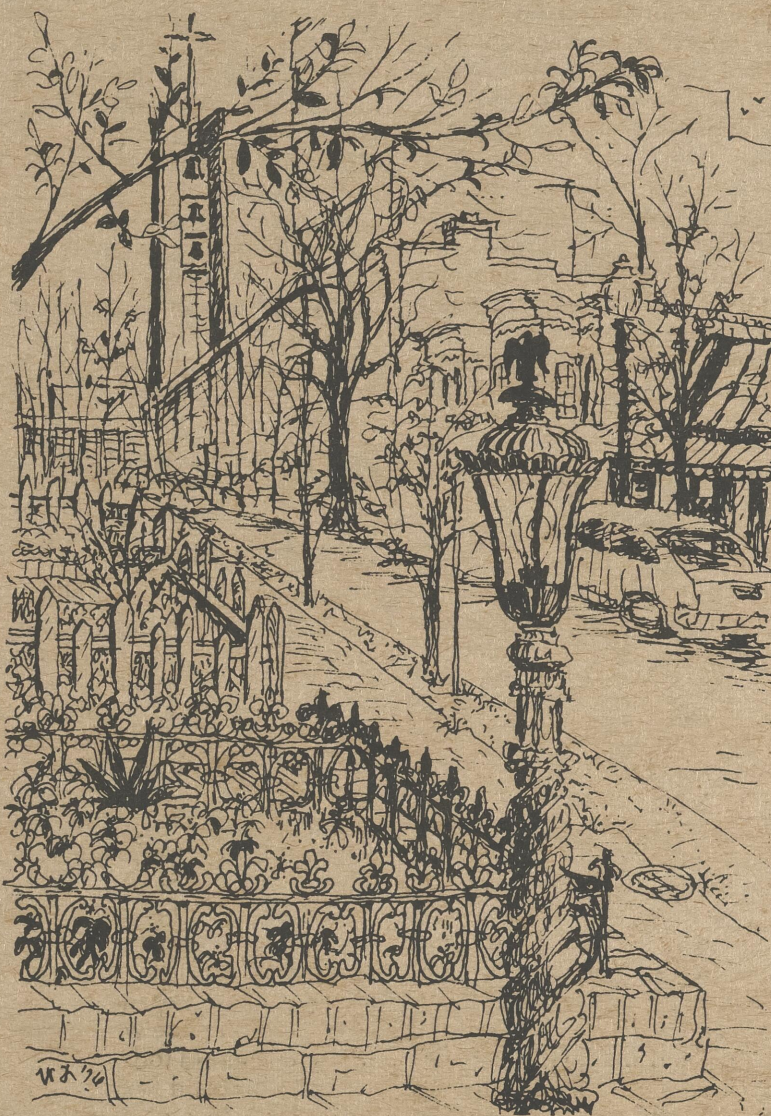
Size is a critical factor. The planting's maximum growth must not be greater than its designated area. Know in advance of buying how large a plant is needed in a particular area. A nurseryman can provide lists of trees and shrubs to suit any size spot. Make sure the tree or shrub is scaled to the rest of its surroundings. A shrub's eventual size should complement the other plantings proportionately.

In the Foggy Bottom area, it is best to choose low growing shrubs and trees, mostly the dwarf variety. Eight to ten feet is tall enough as these heights will enhance but not overpower their surroundings.

Placement is important, too. The layout of a yard is determined by its size; and by the shape and size of the plantings to be placed within it. The plantings should be arranged in a manner that both pleases the eye and accents the surroundings.

Then too, a landscape should be functional as well as beautiful. The plants should not be placed so as to interfere with streets and sidewalks. Meters and man-hole covers cannot be obstructed. Shrubs that will line walkways should be of the sort that will not obstruct or injure "passersby" as the shrubs grow to maturity. (The liability is yours.)

Color and texture are as important as size. In a small area, color should accent, not dominate. A riot of color is fine for a large area where it can be absorbed; but in a small space too many different colors tend to be gaudy. A few colors used wisely will provide the desired effect.



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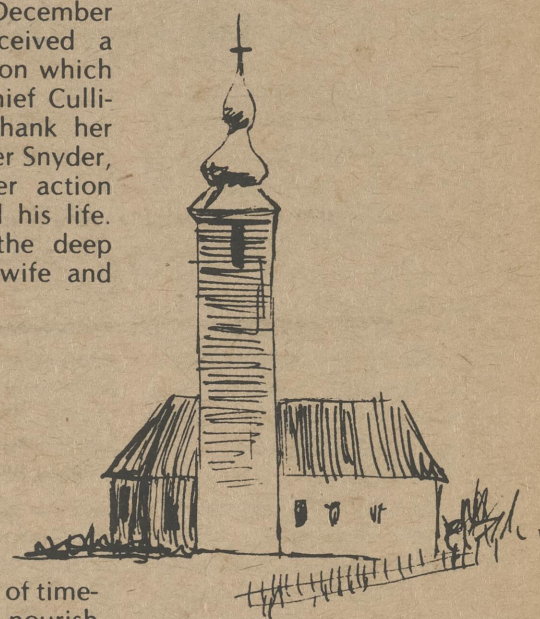
Police Receive Honors

The members of the Second Police District have won the second Quarterly Crime Reduction Award by achieving a 10.4% decrease in crime during October, November, and December, 1975. In a ceremony held at the Second District Station, its Commander, Insp. Herbert F. Miller, Jr. accepted the award from the Co-Chairman of Chief Cullinane's Citizen Advisory Council, Bishop John T. Walker and Mr. Calvin Rolark. Councilwoman Polly Shackleton and Chief Cullinane were on hand to witness the award.

The ribbon which is being worn at this time by the Officers of the Second District is a result of winning this Award, the first time it was ever given, by reducing crime 17% during the Months of July, August, and September. The ribbon is navy blue in color and is accented by a silver star for each quarterly award. The Second District is now proudly displaying two stars on their ribbon.

Also honored during the ceremony was Mrs. James Allen of the Second District, a

registered nurse who rendered immediate aid to Officer Robert Snyder of 2D when he was brutally shot during a bank holdup last December 8th. Mrs. Allen received a Special Commendation which was presented by Chief Cullinane. On hand to thank her personally was Officer Snyder, who related that her action most probably saved his life. He also expressed the deep appreciation of his wife and children.



Foggy Bottom Farmer



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The Center for the Visual Environment has published a *Guide to Neighborhood Ecology* which explains how and why citizens can protect and enhance the elements of their community which make it unique. A reference and resource booklet on neighborhood conservation, the *Guide* is available for \$1 from the Center for the Visual Environment, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

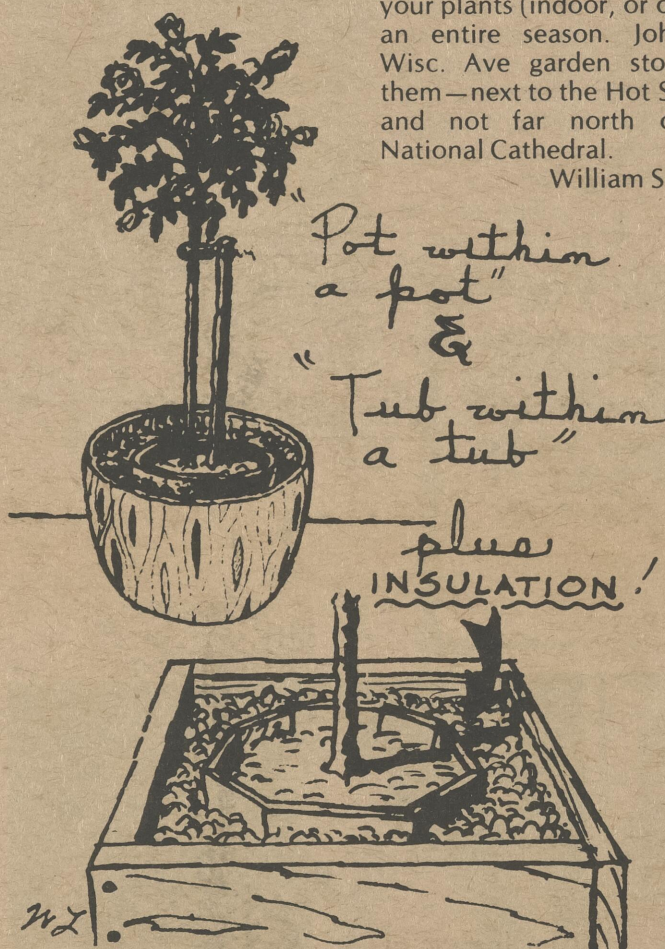
A rose is a rose, is a rose, is a rose—color, fragrance, form and more. It can be a hedge, run along a fence, climb a trellis and thrive in a tub.

The secret to the tub rose is a double container to keep the roots cool—a tub (or large pot) within a tub (or pot) with the intervening air space filled with insulation (fiberglass, shavings or pebbles). The pebbles can be colorful and the voids between can act as a reservoir for bottom watering.

When growing petunia indoors from seed, use ground sphagnum moss instead of soil; that will help avoid the "damping off" that makes growing petunia to a transportable size difficult.

In February there was bloom on the camelia growing close to the wall below the Va. Ave. sidewalk at Watergate across from Howard Johnson's. The camelia is another plant that, like the rose, can be tubbed.

Most chrysanthemums can now be divided into two or more small plants for transplanting to pots or garden. For future gifts, an old plant can sometimes provide a dozen.



Small golden pellets of time-release fertilizer can nourish your plants (indoor, or out) for an entire season. Johnson's Wisc. Ave garden store has them—next to the Hot Shoppe and not far north of the National Cathedral.

William S. Lattin

MUSIC NEWS

Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., will present a series of Lenten Organ Recitals each Wednesday through April 14, at 12:15 p.m. Several well-known area organists have offered to take part in this recital series, and their varied programs should have great appeal. The public is cordially invited to attend these recitals.

The following organists will take part in a half-hour midweek Lenten Organ Recital Series at Western Presbyterian Church:

March 24—Marian McNabb, George Washington University Organist

March 31—Kenneth D. Lowenberg, F.C.C.M., F.A.G.O., Director of Music, Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

April 7—Nancy Reed, A.A.G.O.

April 14—Jane A. Bourdow, Director of Music, Potomac United Presbyterian Church

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